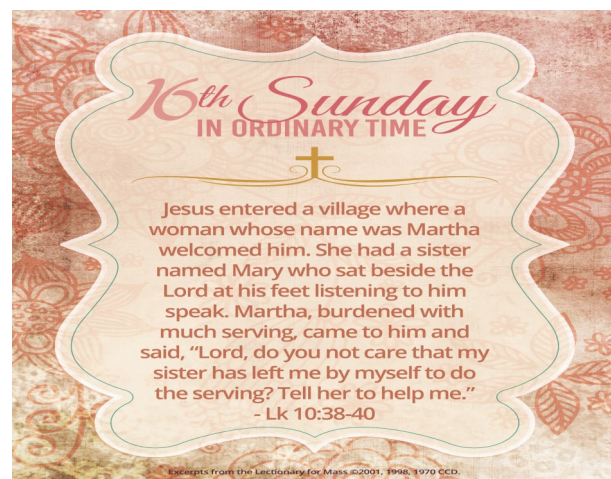


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Sunday, July 21st, 2019



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Active and contemplative. At work and at rest. These are dynamics we all face in our lives, and if we're honest, we might not always balance perfectly! In this Sunday's Gospel, our daily tensions play out in two sisters. Mary "sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak." Martha, on the other hand, is "burdened with much serving." This, as it turns out, is not necessarily "the better part. All of us reading this have some sort of labour we engage in. We have different trades or careers. We have responsibilities as family members, some of which may take up most of our time. In the time of Scripture, showing hospitality to guests was one of the most important values in society. Our work is important. Jesus himself spent decades as a carpenter. So what's the problem with Martha? Martha is burdened, anxious, and worried. Not only that, but she resents her sister's choice. "Tell her to help me," she demands of Jesus.



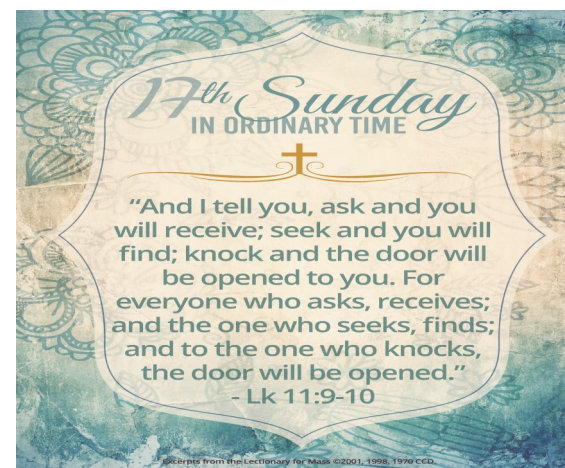
How easy it is to get very busy doing good things. We need to provide for our families and plan for retirement. We need to make sure children are clothed, fed, and educated. Our committees, ministries, and sports schedules need to stay on track. However, without a balance of work with rest, without contemplation in the midst of our action, we will miss the point. While many parts are required for our life in the world to function, the better part is our relationship with God. This week, make time in your busy schedule to sit at Jesus' feet. Maybe this is 20 minutes with Scripture, participating in a daily Mass, or a quiet walk alone in the park. Receive what Christ wants to speak to you.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS: As I get older, what really matters to me changes. I remember being in high school and having to wear certain brands and to look a certain way. Now, many days I simply wear what is clean! I used to collect certain things that I no longer seem to care about much now. I wanted certain things for my children, and now I am happy if they are happy, regardless of what happens. I have changed political stances a few times. I even follow different sports teams today than I did when I was younger. Time, circumstance, wisdom, and even disillusionment all play a part in my ever-changing attitude toward what really matters in life.

All has changed except my faith. My faith is the one constant in my life. It is the most precious of all the gifts God has given to me. Life hasn't been a constant high, and there have been several low valleys along the way. It has been my faith that has seen me through all times, good and bad. If anything has changed, it is that Jesus matters more today than he did yesterday. What really matters to you? What's the main thing in your life? I have witnessed once-strong disciples place politics, wealth, career, and family ahead of Jesus over time. All those things are enticing, but they are things that change. Even your family grows and changes as the years go by, as does your relationship with them. The one thing that does not change is God. God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. It can bring great peace to your life when what matters to you is the one thing that remains constant. The main thing is to keep the main thing, the main thing. That main thing is Jesus.

Cathedral Appeal Update (www.saintcd.com/appeal) During the summer months, we encourage you to pay a personal visit to our Cathedral to see for yourselves the wonderful restoration work that is being done in the Mother Church of our Diocese. Weekend Masses are Saturday 4:30 pm; Sunday 8:30 am, 10:00 am, 11:30 am & 7:30 pm; weekdays 12:10 pm. **Donations to date, from our parish total \$5, 100.** Thank you for your generosity!

Sunday, July 28th, 2019



Mon. July 29	9:30am	Austin Wilson (Jankovich Family)
	7-8pm	Holy Hour & Confessions
Tues. July 30	9:30am	Intentions of Shawn Wilson & For deceased members of his family (Walters Family)
Wed. July 31	9:30am	✠ Marion Mullin (Walters Family)
Thurs. Aug 1	9:30am	✠ Sam Lopinski (Mary Ann Biggar)
Fri. Aug 2	9:30am	✠ James Gorday (John & Diane Szydlowski)
Sat. Aug 3	9-10am	Confessions
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession
	5:00pm	✠ Nicola Colangelo (Rosa Colangelo & Family)
Sun. Aug 4	10:00am	✠ Missa Pro Populo

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Are you guilty of spiritual stockpiling? Spiritual stockpiling isn't an endless rotation of rosaries and novenas. It's accumulating emotional "goods" to meet your needs. Perhaps it's a collection of material objects you treasure. Maybe it's a preoccupation with money. It could also be relationships, making sure there's always enough friends and connections to never really feel alone. It's our tendency to let things add up so that we won't quite need God to fulfill our inner life. Yet in this Sunday's Gospel, we have that inescapable petition from the Our Father. "Give us each our daily bread." This life isn't an immediate arrival. And as much as we might try to shore up possessions and pleasures, we know the journey is unpredictable. Give us this day our daily bread implies enough for the next set of steps, but not enough to stockpile. So here's the big question: Do we trust God to give us what we need? After all, "What father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish?... how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?" At the Last Supper, Jesus said he would never leave us orphaned. God will not abandon us. And surely He wouldn't ask us to pray for what He does not intend to give. Of course, sometimes our prayers for daily help can seem to go unanswered. Today's Gospel has advice for that, too. "I tell you... he will give up to him whatever he needs because of his persistence." Our spiritual stockpiling increases our self-reliance and decreases our openness to God's possibilities. Be persistent in your pursuit of God! Trust that He will keep His promises to provide for us, today and always.

Parish Calendar

- July.....
- July 26th..... Feast of Our Patron Saint, St. Ann
- August.....
- Aug 2nd..... Visitation of the sick and homebound. Phone the office to arrange a visit.
- Aug 2nd..... Office Closed
- Aug 4th..... Spanish Mass 1pm.
- Aug 7th..... Finance Council Meeting 6:30pm
- Aug 11th.... Special Collection—Catholic Missions in Canada
- Aug 25th..... Representative from the Missionary Fraternity of Mary will speak during all weekend Masses.

Confirmation classes & Youth Ministry resume September 4th! Solemnity of St. Anne & St. Joachim

Saint Anne was the spouse of St. Joachim, and was chosen by God to be the mother of Mary, His own blessed Mother on earth. When Anne was an aged woman, Mary was born, the fruit rather of grace than of nature, and the child more of God than of man. With the birth of Mary the aged Anne began a new life: she watched her every movement with reverent tenderness, and felt herself hourly sanctified by the presence of her immaculate child. But she had vowed her daughter to God, to God Mary had consecrated herself again, and to Him Anne gave her back. St. Anne is the patron saint of mothers and women in labour and minors and is symbolized by Mary in her lap holding the infant Jesus.

Prayer to St. Anne & St. Joachim

Saints Anne and Joachim, we bless you for your great faith and love as parents. Your respect and reverence for the sacredness of human life made you the parents of Mary, Mother of the Lord. Through your intercession, we ask God to grant young people today that same reverence for the gift of new life. May they accept, cherish, and nourish life from the very moment of conception to natural death. Grant to us as a nation a renewed reverence for every human life. As Mary cherished her Child from the womb even to the tomb, so may we see in every person the very image of God. Great Saints Anne and Joachim, we ask this grace in the name of Mary's Son, Jesus the Lord. Amen. **Mass in honour of our Patron Saint will be celebrated on Friday, July 26th at 9:30am. Please join us!**

Society of St Vincent de Paul- North of 60: The St Ann Conference of St Vincent de Paul will once again support the community of Naujaat (pronounced "now-we-ought"). If you would like to contribute to this worthy cause, donations can be placed in the St Vincent de Paul box. Please place donations in an envelope marked "North of 60". Cheques should be made out to the Society of St Vincent de Paul, Welland Particular Council. If you would like a receipt, please provide your name and address.

Seasonal Workers: We are looking for volunteers to assist at the luncheon that follows the Spanish Mass on **August 4**. If you are able to contribute a dish, help with set up and clean up, please contact the office.

Offence Declarations: If you are a parish volunteer involved with high risk ministries, you are required to submit an Offence Declaration form to the diocese each year. The parish office will mail a letter and forms to you by the end of July. Please submit them to the chancery office as soon as possible. A stamped, addressed envelope is included for your convenience. Your co-operation is appreciated. **Also, for all parishioners who volunteer in high or low risk ministries**, please notify the office of any change in your status in order to keep our records up to date. If any parishioner would like to become involved in our parish ministries, our website www.stannfenwick.com will provide you with information for the many opportunities available. Or, please phone the office.

Sat. July 20	9-10am	Confessions
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession
	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sun. July 21	10:00am	✠ Isaiah (Magazzeni Family)
		✠ Anthony Filbert (Lynda Filbert & Family)
Mon. July 22	9:30am	✠ Mick Kennedy (Karen Kennedy)
	7-8pm	Holy Hour & Confessions
Tues. July 23	9:30am	✠ Cecil Shannon (Racz Family)
Wed. July 24	9:30am	✠ Helen Albanese (Vince Addario)
Thurs. July 25	9:30am	✠ Sam Lopinski (Mary Ann Biggar)
Fri. July 26	9:30am	Ezra Huynh (Ava & Austin Wilson)
Sat. July 27	9-10am	Confessions
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession
	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sun. July 28	10:00am	✠ John & Mary Rutyna (Stan & Gloria Rutyna)

Reconciliation from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses. Offertory July 6 & 7, 2019

55 Envelopes	\$1, 375.00
Loose Collection	\$ 29.00
Total Offertory	\$1, 404.00
Maintenance	\$ 276.00

Offertory July 13th & 14th, 2019

56 Envelopes	\$1, 555.00
Loose Collection	\$ 76.90
Total Offertory	\$1, 631.90
Cathedral Appeal	\$ 250.00

Pope's Prayer Intention Month of August: That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth."

